

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3-11 and add new Claim 13 as follows:

1 . (Currently Amended) A developer supply container for supplying a developer to a process cartridge detachably mounted to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, ~~said the~~ process cartridge containing an electrophotographic photosensitive drum and a charging member configured and positioned to charge ~~for charging said the~~ photosensitive drum, said developer supply container comprising:

a developer accommodating portion configured to accommodate ~~for accommodating~~ a developer;

a developer supply opening for supplying the developer accommodated in ~~the~~ said developer accommodating portion to ~~said the~~ process cartridge;

a container closing member movable between a closing position in which it said container closing member closes said developer supply opening and an open position in which it ~~is~~ said container closing member is retracted from the closing position to open said developer supply opening;

a first container guide extending along one ~~provided at one~~ longitudinally extending outer surface end of said developer supply container ~~with respect to a longitudinal direction of said along the longitudinal direction of said developer supply container~~, said first container guide being capable of being guided by a main assembly guide provided in the main assembly of the

apparatus when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus;

a second container guide ~~extending along provided at the other~~ longitudinally extending outer surface of said developer supply container on the opposite side of said developer supply container from the one longitudinally extending outer surface ~~end~~ with respect to a direction ~~intersecting crossing with the longitudinal direction along the longitudinal direction~~ of said developer supply container, said second container guide being capable of being guided by a the main assembly guide provided in the main assembly of the apparatus when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus;

a container force receiving portion configured and positioned to receive, ~~for receiving~~, when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, a force for opening said developer supply opening by movement of said container closing member from the closing position to the ~~opening~~ open position by engagement with a cartridge engaging portion provided in ~~said~~ the process cartridge mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus; and

a first container positioning portion, provided at a leading ~~end~~, end of said developer supply container with respect to a mounting direction in which said developer supply container ~~when said developer supply container~~ is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, said first container positioning portion being engageable with a first main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus,

wherein when said developer supply container ~~container~~, ~~when it is mounted to the main assembly of apparatus~~, said first container positioning portion is positioned by the first main

assembly positioning portion, and said developer supply container is positioned relative to the main assembly of the apparatus by said first container guide and said second container guide being supported by the main assembly guide at a trailing edge side of said developer supply container with respect to the mounting direction; and

an elastic force receiving portion configured and positioned to receive, when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, an elastic force provided by an elastic member which is provided in the main assembly of apparatus, said elastic force receiving portion being provided on a top surface of said developer supply container when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, by which said developer supply container receives a downward force when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.

2. (Canceled)

3 . (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising a second container positioning portion at a the leading end of said developer supply container with respect to the mounting direction and positioned above said first container positioning portion, said second container positioning portion being contactable to a second main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus and vertically aligned with the first main assembly positioning portion, wherein said second container positioning portion engages the second main assembly positioning portion so that there is in a horizontal direction with a gap between at the top of the second main assembly positioning portion and an opposing

portion of said second container positioning portion top, so that said second container positioning portion is capable of positioning said developer supply container relative to the main assembly of the apparatus in the horizontal direction.

4 . (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said container force receiving portion is in the form of a recess, and wherein when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, said recess is engaged with ~~said~~ the cartridge engaging portion, and said container force receiving portion is pushed, with movement of said developer supply container in the mounting direction, to move said closing member to the ~~opening~~ open position.

5 . (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said developer supply opening is provided in a bottom surface of said developer accommodating portion,

wherein said developer supply container has a cover which is movable between a position covering a said developer supply opening ~~provided in a bottom surface of said developer accommodating portion~~ and a retracted position in which said cover is retracted from the covering position, and

wherein when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, said cover is engaged with a cover engaging portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus to move said cover from the ~~closing~~ covering position to the retracted position.

6. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 3 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said developer accommodating portion is divided by a separation member into an upper portion and a lower portion, ~~and~~

wherein the said separation member is provided with an opening for letting the developer fall from the upper portion into the lower portion,

wherein ~~the~~ said upper portion is provided with an upper developer feeding member,

wherein said lower portion is provided with a lower developer feeding member,

wherein said upper developer feeding member is rotatable to feed the developer to the opening of the separation member,

wherein said lower feeding member is rotatable to feed the developer to said developer supply opening,

wherein ~~a~~ the leading end, with respect to the mounting direction, of said developer supply container is provided with:

an upper driving force receiving portion configured and positioned for said upper developer feeding member to receive a rotational driving force from a first driving force transmission member provided in the main assembly of the apparatus; and

a lower driving force receiving portion configured and positioned for said lower developer feeding member to receive a rotational driving force from a second driving force transmission member provided in the main assembly of the apparatus, and

wherein said ~~container~~ second container positioning portion, said upper driving force receiving portion, said first container positioning portion and said lower driving force receiving portion are disposed in this order in a downward direction, when said process cartridge is

mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus.

7. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said first and second container guides extend over substantially the cartridge guide is extended along the longitudinal direction substantially over a full length of said developer supply container thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, further comprising a grip positioned on a top, at an upper and upstream end of said developing supply container position with respect to the mounting direction to facilitate demounting of said developer supply container from the main assembly of the apparatus.

9. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein when said process cartridge is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus with said developer supply container already set in the main assembly of the apparatus, said container force receiving portion is pushed to move said container closing member from the closing position to the ~~opening~~ open position with movement of ~~said~~ the process cartridge in the mounting direction.

10. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, wherein said developer supply container includes a first container positioning portion side that includes the leading end, and a trailing end with respect to the mounting direction, wherein when said first container positioning portion is positioned relative to the first

main assembly positioning portion, said developer supply container is positioned with said a first container positioning portion side being ~~at a higher position than a~~ said trailing side ~~end~~ with respect to the mounting direction, ~~when said container positioning portion is positioning relative to the main assembly positioning portion~~, and

wherein trailing sides of said first container guide and said second container guide, with respect to the mounting direction, are positioned relative to the main assembly of the apparatus by being supported by the main assembly guide.

11. (Currently Amended) A container according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 and 2~~, further comprising, at a trailing end of said developer supply container with respect to the mounting direction, a portion to be urged ~~for being urged~~ by an elastic force of a spring provided on a door of the main assembly of the image forming apparatus when said first container positioning portion is positioned relative to the first main assembly positioning portion, and trailing sides of said first container guide and said second container guide, with respect to the mounting direction, are positioned relative to the main assembly of the apparatus by being supported by the main assembly guide.

12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A developer supply container for supplying a developer to a process cartridge detachably mounted to a main assembly of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, the process cartridge containing an electrophotographic photosensitive drum and a charging member

configured and positioned to charge the photosensitive drum, said developer supply container comprising:

- a developer accommodating portion configured to accommodate a developer;

- a developer supply opening for supplying the developer accommodated in said developer accommodating portion to the process cartridge;

- a container closing member movable between a closing position in which said container closing member closes said developer supply opening and an open position in which it said container closing member is retracted from the closing position to open said developer supply opening;

- a first container guide extending along one longitudinally extending outer surface of said developer supply container, said first container guide being capable of being guided by a main assembly guide provided in the main assembly of the apparatus when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus;

- a second container guide extending along the other longitudinally extending outer surface of said developer supply container on the opposite side of said developer supply container from the one longitudinally extending outer surface with respect to a direction intersecting the longitudinal direction of said developer supply container, said second container guide being capable of being guided by the main assembly guide provided in the main assembly of the apparatus when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus;

- a container force receiving portion configured and positioned to receive, when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, a force for opening



said developer supply opening by movement of said container closing member from the closing position to the open position by engagement with a cartridge engaging portion provided in the process cartridge mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus;

a first container positioning portion, provided at a leading end of said developer supply container with respect to a mounting direction in which said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of the apparatus, said first container positioning portion being engageable with a first main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus,

wherein when said developer supply container is mounted to the main assembly of apparatus, said first container positioning portion is positioned by the first main assembly positioning portion, and said developer supply container is positioned relative to the main assembly of the apparatus by said first container guide and said second container guide being supported by the main assembly guide at a trailing edge side of said developer supply container with respect to the mounting direction; and

a second container positioning portion at the leading end of said developer supply container with respect to the mounting direction and positioned above said first container positioning portion, said second container positioning portion being contactable to a second main assembly positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the apparatus and vertically aligned with the first main assembly positioning portion, wherein said second container positioning portion engages the second main assembly positioning portion so that there is a gap between the top of the second main assembly positioning portion and an opposing portion of said second container positioning portion, so that said second container positioning portion is capable

of positioning said developer supply container relative to the main assembly of the apparatus in the horizontal direction.